

Mr. AUDOUN. The gentleman from Baltimore county (Mr. King,) a member of the committee, has stated to the house that it is utterly impossible for them to get through their work. We have that information from the committee, and I think we ought now to be ready to act on the question.

Mr. GREENE. What shall we gain by adjourning over to-morrow and Monday? Is it the intention to have the committee sit during the recess? If not, what shall we gain by this adjournment?

The PRESIDENT. The chairman of the committee (Mr. Earle,) who has been sent for by the chair, is now present, and will please to inform the convention how far the committee have progressed in the revision of these reports.

Mr. ABBOTT. Will the gentleman also please to inform us whether another committee could aid them in this work?

Mr. EARLE (chairman of the committee on revision) said: We have several of the articles yet to act upon. The judiciary article only came into our hands this afternoon. We have not commenced that. The schedule also came to us to-day.

The PRESIDENT. Is there any probability that the committee will be able to get through by to-morrow?

Mr. EARLE. It would require very hard work to get through by to-morrow night; and I do not believe it would be possible for the work to be entirely finished and the constitution copied off and read here to-morrow.

The PRESIDENT. Would extra clerical force be of assistance?

Mr. EARLE. I do not think that extra clerical force would accomplish it. Appointing one or two more committees to take up different articles might accomplish it.

Mr. HEBB. Is there any work for the committee clerks to-morrow, unless the convention remain here to act upon the reports?

Mr. EARLE. They have now the articles passed upon to-day. I think most of them have been copied. Unless other articles are acted upon, or unless the clerks go on and copy it just as we give it to them, without waiting for the action of the convention, they would not be employed.

The PRESIDENT. All the reports have been sent to the committee, excepting the report of the committee on usury, a very short report not yet acted upon by the convention.

Mr. MILLER called for the previous question; and it was sustained.

Mr. PURNELL (addressing Mr. Earle.) Mr. Chairman, could you have the report ready by 12 o'clock on Monday?

Mr. EARLE. Yes, sir; I think we can have all the reports ready by 12 o'clock on Monday. We could review the different articles and have them copied I think. But if the convention is going to adjourn over, I would greatly prefer their adjourning until Tuesday.

I think the committee could do their work more satisfactorily if they could have that time.

The question being stated upon the amendment submitted by Mr. NEGLEY, to substitute "Tuesday" for "Monday."

Mr. HEBB demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being taken the result was—yeas 31, nays 33—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Audoun, Brooks, Brown, Carter, Chambers, Dellinger, Dent, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Galloway, Hatch, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopper, Horsey, Jones, of Cecil, Kennard, King, Larsh, Lee, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Negley, Parker, Parran, Ridgely, Sney, Sykes, Thomas—31.

Nays—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Baker, Belt, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Farrow, Greene, Hebb, Keefer, Marbury, Markey, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Pugh, Purnell, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—33.

When his name was called,

Mr. HEBB said: I vote against this proposition because I cannot get home. The gentlemen from Baltimore city can go home. On Tuesday morning we shall be here, and then it will take us two days to get through the work. I vote "no."

The amendment was accordingly rejected.

The question recurred upon the original motion submitted by Mr. RIDGELY to adjourn over to Monday at 12 o'clock, M.

Mr. CUSHING demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 35, nays 29—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Audoun, Brooks, Brown, Chambers, Cunningham, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Dent, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Galloway, Hatch, Hollyday, Horsey, King, Larsh, Lee, Markey, Mitchell, Miller, Murray, Negley, Parker, Parran, Purnell, Ridgely, Schlosser, Scott, Sney, Stockbridge, Sykes, Thomas, Todd—35.

Nays—Messrs. Abbott, Annan, Baker, Belt, Carter, Crawford, Cushing, Daniel, Farrow, Greene, Hebb, Hoffman, Hopper, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, Marbury, McComas, Mullikin, Nyman, Pugh, Russell, Sands, Schley, Stirling, Swope, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—29.

The motion was accordingly agreed to.

USURY.

The convention proceeded to the consideration of the report of the committee on interest and the usury laws, which was read the third time, as follows:

"That the rate of interest in this State shall not exceed six per cent. per annum, and no higher rate shall be taken or demanded, and